About The Organization

Long Way Home is a 501(c)3 that envisions communities equipped to innovate and act responsibly in the face of local and global challenges. Through promoting green building, employment, and education, Long Way Home mobilizes people to actively participate in democracy and create innovative pathways to economic and environmental justice.

Since 2009, the focus of the organization has been on building an 18-building green-designed campus in San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala. We’ve used more than 450 tons of trash and over 15,500 tires in our construction so far! On the campus, we serve 140 K-11 students who study The Hero School curriculum which integrates project-based learning and the green building process to cultivate employability and democratic participation skills for a 21st century, climate-stressed world. In addition to education, we train and employ local green builders who carry out our many green construction projects in Comalapa and throughout Guatemala.

About The Job

Long Way Home is looking for a highly motivated, collaborative thinker. We are a small organization and therefore require a team of high-energy individuals, passionate about making a difference. The ideal candidate has experience in using architecture design software, such as RCAD, and can help LWH put together a compelling portfolio detailing our green building style and architectural impact on the environment and the local community. As the Architectural Intern, you are also an intern for the Hero School. Interns and volunteers are essential components for continuing endeavors crucial to the success of our school. This position will work alongside our executive director and will collaborate on a variety of community-responsive and environmentally-friendly/ecologically conscious building projects.

Responsibilities:

- Work alongside our construction leaders to better understand the LWH green building practices.
- Use our pre-existing models and designs to assist in the creation of a LWH green building portfolio.
- Act as a support to our Executive Director and Construction Team Leader in our green construction processes.
- Support our Volunteer and Outreach Coordinators in generating “How to” green building content for our social media channels.
- Collaborate with our Construction Team Leader and Executive Director.
- Depending on your background and interests, we also encourage project proposals that assess the energy efficiency, water catchment, environmental impact, economic impact, and/or other statistical analyses of our construction projects.
- Work on construction site as needed.
- Participate in staff/event meetings when requested.
- Assist in fundraising events.

Qualifications:

- A self-starter (comfortable working with little direct supervision).
- Confidence using architectural software (such as RCAD).
- Access to personal technology (laptop/tablet).
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- Must be able to walk up and down hills at high elevation (7,000 ft).
- Able and ready to engage in physical labor for 7 hours/day for on-site work days.
- Good attitude, team player, motivation to help out and be flexible.
Intermediate Spanish would be helpful in order to communicate with our teachers and builders and if wishing to conduct a community study.

**Educational Objective:**
- Gain experience in the creation of a unique architectural portfolio.
- Better understand alternative building materials and the environmental impact of green building.
- Become well-versed in the methods and applications of green design and building.
- Understand why and how green design should be made accessible in low-resourced and climate-stressed communities.
- Develop intercultural and interdisciplinary teamwork skills.
- Gain insights into opportunities, risks, and limitations for achieving quality education, economic justice, and environmental health in marginalized communities.
- Have opportunities to increase Spanish language proficiency.
- Understand the social and professional “do’s” and “don’ts” of living and working in a new culture
- Proficiency in writing professional reports to address identified challenges and provide workable solutions.
- Develop skills and competencies that transfer to hypothetical future work situations.

**Location**
San Juan Comalapa, Chimaltenango, Guatemala or remote

**Housing**
Long Way Home will arrange your housing in Comalapa. Housing costs do not include meals but in each accommodation, you will have access to a kitchen.

Volunteer House = US$30/week (shared rooms)

**Academic Level**
*university students only and previous professional experience*
- First Year
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate and prospective graduate students
- Working on Master thesis
- Working on Doctoral thesis
- Post Doctoral Scholar

**Approximate Hours Per Week**
40 hours/week; 3 days internship work and 2 days in green building construction if in person, remote options to be determined

**Compensation**
Upon successful completion of the internship, the intern is offered:
- Free admission (food and transport excluded) to our 1 month long Green Building Academy in March/July. Lodging included unless the intern prefers to stay in a hotel or homestay - [https://www.lwhome.org/academy](https://www.lwhome.org/academy)
- OR one month of free housing at our volunteer house
- Internship completion certificate
- 25% OFF LWH shirts

**Documents Required**
- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Examples of past work if available

To apply email documents to Outreachcoordinator@lwhome.org with subject "Architecture Design Intern"

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